

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re

U.S. application of: William Frank Turner

For: **SPHERICAL FLUID MACHINE WITH CONTROL MECHANISM**

Continuation Application of U. S. Application Serial No. 09/376,032, filed on August 17, 1999  
Examiner: J. Vrablik

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to initial examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

Page 2, before TECHNICAL FIELD, please amend the specification by adding 'CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION', this application is a continuation of co-pending U. S. Serial No. 09/376,032, filed August 17, 1999, entitled: SPHERICAL FLUID MACHINE WITH CONTROL MECHANISM by William Frank Turner

Pursuant to Section 1.312 of the MPEP, please amend the above-identified application as follows to correct minor informalities and typographical errors:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 3, line 4, delete "in" and insert --within--.